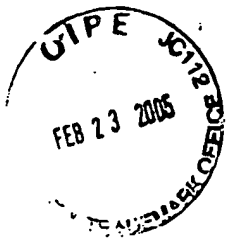


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION & AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 17, 2004, please amend the
above-identified U.S. patent application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown in the appended listing of claims.

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's rejection of all Claims 1-20 as unpatentable over
the newly cited U.S. Patent 5,821,950 to Rentschler, showing a "pipeline processing" system
executing similar processing steps as in the present application, the Applicant herein amends
main Claims 1 and 12 to point out more distinctly that the invention method requires:

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